

**Funding Action Team
Meeting Notes
August 19, 2005**

Attendance A. Cooper, M. Frierson, A. Frobom, D. Holt, A. Kaltenthaler, R. Lange, R. Lehman, J. Niemela, T. Petko, E. Timpf, D. Grover

Meeting Overview Theresa Petko opened discussion. Updates on Reauthorization and MDOT budget were given along with a presentation by Brett Smith, Center for Automotive Research (Innovations in the Automotive Industry) regarding alternative fuels and advanced fuel technology.

Meeting Notes **Reauthorization Update:** The TEA 21 Reauthorization Bill was enacted on August 10, 2005. Michigan received a 27.04 percent increase, which is below the national average of 30.32 percent. National Weekly compared the two prior bills. According to the comparison, Michigan is currently approximately three percent lower than the previous bill. Michigan receives approximately \$109 million a year from the border crossings.

MDOT Budget Update: Ed Timpf stated there is not much to report on MDOT's budget since the committees have not met to further discuss budgets of the state departments. State transportation revenues will be released in a couple of weeks. There is approximately a 3.2 percent increase in the FY 2006 Budget.

Innovative Finance Subteam: Members were not in attendance to give an update. Chris Mann is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the SEMCOG Committee on Innovative Financing. Funding Action Team members will be invited.

Moderator's meeting: Report out by November and presentation of summit activities to STC in January 2006 by remaining summit action teams. A summit is not planned for 2005.

Brett Smith, Center for Automotive Research:

Brett gave a presentation on how to better understand the automotive industry regarding alternative fuels and advanced fuel technology. He also discussed how fuels and powertrains have changed in the past few years.

The diesel hybrid vehicle is the most fuel efficient of the powertrains, but more expensive. There is a trade off because hybrids are more fuel efficient but the options are more costly.

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Also discussed were four alternative transportation fuels: biodiesel, ethanol, natural gas and gasification of coal.

IRS tax credits: clean fuel tax deduction, ethanol and biodiesel, E-85 fuel and infrastructure.

The following websites were noted during the presentation: www.eere.energy.gov and www.acfnewssource.org.

**Next Meeting
Dates**

Friday, September 16 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing

Friday, October 21 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing

Friday, November 18 9:30- 12:30 pm
Aeronautics Auditorium, 2700 East Airport Service Drive, Lansing

**Funding Action Team
Meeting Agenda**

**September 16, 2005
9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

- 1. Reauthorization Update**
- 2. MDOT 2006 Budget Update**
- 3. Innovative Finance Subteam**
- 4. Final Report Planning (due December 2005)**
- 5. Funding Action Team Future Meetings (after November)**
- 6. Draft Agenda for Next Meeting**
- 7. Post Critique Meeting**